

Selayar language

Selayar or **Selayarese** is a Malayo-Polynesian language spoken by about 100,000 people on the island of Selayar in South Sulawesi province, Indonesia.^{[3]:210}

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Phonology

Vowels

	Front	Back
High	i	u
Mid	e	o
Low	a	

Vowels are lengthened when stressed and in an open syllable.

Nasalization

Nasalization extends from nasal consonants to the following vowels, continuing until blocked by an intonation break or a consonant other than a glottal stop:

[lamẽãĩʔĩ ãː su] "A dog urinated on him."
[sassaʔ lamẽãĩʔĩ | ʔaː su lataiː ʔiʔi] "A lizard urinated on him, and a dog defecated on him."^{[3]:225–226}

Consonants

Selayar	
<i>Basa Silajara</i>	
Native to	Indonesia
Region	Selayar Islands, South Sulawesi
Native speakers	130,000 (2000 census) ^[1]
Language family	<div>Austronesian<ul style="list-style-type: none">Malayo-Polynesian<ul style="list-style-type: none">South Sulawesi<ul style="list-style-type: none">Makassaric<ul style="list-style-type: none">Selayar</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	sly
Glottolog	sela1260 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/sela1260) ^[2]

		<u>Bilabial</u>	<u>Coronal</u>	<u>Palatal</u>	<u>Velar</u>	<u>Glottal</u>
<u>Nasal</u>		m	n	ɲ	ŋ	
<u>Plosive</u>	<u>prenasalized</u>	^m b	ⁿ d	^ɲ ʃ	^ŋ g	
	<u>voiced</u>	b	d	ʃ	g	
	<u>voiceless</u>	p	t̚		k	ʔ
<u>Fricative</u>			s			h
<u>Lateral</u>			l			
<u>Approximant</u>			ɹ			

Of the coronals, the voiceless stop is dental, while the others are alveolar.

Morphology

Selayarese intransitive verbs index pronominal arguments via an absolutive enclitic.^{[4][5]:162}

a'lumpa'=a
jump=1s
'I jump'

mangang=a
tired=1s
'I am tired'

In transitive verbs the less agent-like argument is indexed by the absolutive enclitic.^{[5]:163}

ku=isse'=i
1s=know=3s
'I know him'

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